

Good morning Community Partner,

It's so wonderful to connect back in with you after a long 'Hiatus' (let's not use the C19-word lol), and share with you that our Community Dining programs are starting back up this spring. You are receiving this message because you have expressed an interest in volunteering with us in some capacity, and we are currently looking for volunteers who may be interested in supporting our Breakfast @ the Bistro program.

This Community Dining program serves up a tasty breakfast to over 90 diners, and encourages older adults to gather in friendship, share a nutritious meal with new friends, and enjoy the entertainment that follows, with their peers. It really draws so many folks together who may not have otherwise been able to afford this kind of community spirit and casual breakfast.

We are only able to offer this affordable experience due to the generosity of volunteers, and herein lies my invitation for you to come and volunteer with us! Typically, we look for help with buffet service and with clearing of tables. This requires about seven volunteers at a minimum and up to twelve individuals. I've attached a 'position' list and often we combine roles based on the numbers of volunteers with us on a particular day. Volunteer roles begin at 8am and are typically completed by 11:30am – 12noon.

We know that so many of you do this purely out of the joy of serving your community, but we also want to recognize your organization with a public welcome and thank you, invite you to wear shirts, hats, nametags etc that identify your organization, and offer a space for you to share promotional information on our 'Sharing Table'. We also acknowledge your involvement with table top signs and a Courtesy Thank you sign to the volunteer organization of the month. Council members are often present and love to meet with our community partners in person at this gathering. Annually, the City also recognizes all volunteer contributions publicly. This event has the opportunity to build brand recognition and develop a relationship with our older adult community members that may be interested in your services at some point, though to retain the 'Giving Community' atmosphere, we ask that no solicitation happen during the breakfast.

If you would like to volunteer with us in 2023, we are looking for volunteers for April – December (dates below). Please reply to me directly and offer a first, second and third month of choice, and I will confirm back with you right away. Months will be assigned on a first come basis. Many thanks if you would like to work with us in other ways, we will follow up with you just as soon as we can also. Finally, please let me know if you have ideas and contacts for our entertainment line up too. We are always looking to hire entertainers who can offer one hour of great age-appropriate music or song that brings smiles to everyone's faces.

Thank you for all that you do to make Burlington such a wonderful community, and for considering to volunteer with our Seniors' Centre Breakfast @the Bistro. We certainly couldn't offer this program without your help.

2023 Breakfast Dates, Saturday's 8am- noon:

April 15

May 27

June 24

July 15

August 12
 September 23
 October 21
 November 18
 December 16

Breakfast at the Bistro Volunteer Role Assignments

Thank you to Community Partners who have volunteered to support the returning Breakfast at the Bistro events at the Burlington Senior Centre starting in April 2023!

We require 7-12 volunteers to support various roles. A sample of volunteer role assignments are listed below. The number of roles could be expanded or compressed depending on the number of volunteers available and more details of the role specifics will be provided on site.

Community Partner Volunteers	Position	Location	Responsibilities	Time
Volunteer #1	Server Station 1	Buffet line	Plate	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #2	Server Station 2	Buffet line	Sausage 2 each	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #3	Server Station 3	Buffet line	Bacon 2 each	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #4	Server Station 4	Buffet line	Pancakes 1 each	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #5	Server Station 5	Buffet line	Hash-brown 1 scoop	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #6	Server Station 6	Buffet line	Eggs 1 scoop	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #7	Server Station 7	Buffet line -	Toast 1 slice	9am @ the buffet station
Volunteer #8	Coat check	Front door	Assists with hanging (8:00-9:00 am) & retrieval of coats (11:15-11:35)	8am - Coat racks in hallway and closet area
Volunteer #9	Bussing/Clearing Zone 1 (from	Assist with seating, Beverage	Keep an eye on Beverage station and Continental station	8am arrivals Coffee as early as 830am Clearing as early as 930am

	door, bottom left quad by kitchen)	refills, plate transfer if needed, clear Quad 1 to dishpit	for replenish - Deliver scones family style to sections @ approx. 9:15am	
Volunteer #10	Bussing/Clearing Zone 2 (from door, top left quad by tennis club/ windows)	Assist with seating, Beverage refills, plate transfer if needed, clear Quad 1 to dishpit	Keep an eye on Beverage station and Continental station for replenish - Deliver scones family style to sections @ approx. 9:15am	8am arrivals Coffee as early as 830am Clearing as early as 930am
Volunteer #11	Bussing/Clearing Zone 3 (from door top right quad by stage/ windows)	Assist with seating, Beverage refills, plate transfer if needed, clear Quad 2 to dishpit	Keep an eye on Beverage station and Continental station for replenish - Deliver scones family style to sections @ approx. 9:15am	8am arrivals Coffee as early as 830am Clearing as early as 930am
Volunteer #12	Bussing/Clearing Zone 4 (bottom right quad, by entrance/stage)	Assist with seating, Beverage refills, plate transfer if needed, clear Quad 3 to dishpit	Keep an eye on Beverage station and Continental station for replenish - Deliver scones family style to sections @ approx. 9:15am	8am arrivals Coffee as early as 830am Clearing as early as 930am